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re: American Baptists Homes of the West d/b/a Piedmont Gardens
Cases 32-CA-25247, 32-CA-25248, 32-CA-25266, 32-CA-25271 through 32-CA-25308, and 32-CA-25498

Dear Mr. Heltzer:

This is in response to Respondent's March 22, 2012 letter to you in the above cases, which are presently before the Board on the parties' various exceptions and cross-exceptions. The undersigned objects to Respondent's letter for the following reasons.

First, the letter is procedurally inappropriate. To the extent that it purports to be a motion, it is not in the form of a motion, does not identify what action it seeks from the Board, and fails to set forth any extraordinary circumstances warranting reconsideration, rehearing or reopening of the record. See Board's Rules and Regulations, Section 102.48(d)(1). To the extent that Respondent's letter simply seeks to advise the Board of one of its recently-issued decisions, Respondent has not shown either the appropriateness or necessity of such a letter.

Second, and beyond the letter's procedural deficiencies, the case cited in Respondent's letter is inapposite to the information issue involved in these cases. The cited case, *Alcan Rolled Products*, 358 NLRB No. 11 (February 27, 2012), involves an employer seeking to protect the identities of employees who reported the unsafe conduct of another employee and appears to extend the Board's decision and reasoning in *Pennsylvania Power and Light Co.*, 301 NLRB 1104 (1991) to a non-nuclear plant setting. The information issue in these cases involves Respondent's failure to provide the Union with the names and addresses of permanent strike replacements and Respondent has defended that failure on the basis of confidentiality interests that are completely different from those involved in *Alcan*. Moreover, there is very clear Board law on an employer's obligation to provide information relating to permanent strike replacements, including under what circumstances an employer may be privileged to withhold such information [see *Grinnell*

Fire Protection Systems Co., 322 NLRB 1257 (2000)]. Finally, there is nothing in the Alcan decision that indicates that it either applies to requests for information relating to permanent strike replacements or modifies existing Board law relating to an employer's obligation to provide such information.

Accordingly, Respondent's March 22, 2012 letter should be rejected.

Very truly yours, . Renessa

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA BEFORE THE NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS BOARD REGION 32

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and

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AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE OF PROPOSED MOTION TO CONSIDER CASE

I, the undersigned employee of the National Labor Relations Board, state under oath that on **April 3, 2012,** I served the above-entitled document(s) *electronically*, upon the following persons, addressed to them at the following addresses:

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